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CHANGE OF FASTDAY.

On account of the Y. M. M. conference on the first Sunday of June, it is suggested that Sunday, May 22, be observed as fastday in the Salt Lakes, Ensign, Liberty and Pioneer states.

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THE FLY NUISANCE.

The season is approaching when it becomes necessary to make war upon flies.

A few years ago these insects were regarded as a harmless nuisance, or even as helpful scavengers. Now it is known that they are disease carriers, and also what is more to the point—that they are not a necessary evil but that they can be successfully fought.

Extensive preparations are now being made in Florida for a war of extermination against the "Typhoid Fly." The state health commission after consultation with the United States health authorities, has already issued instructions as to the methods of dealing with the evil, and posters depicting in vivid illustrations the habits of the house fly and its proclivities for gathering and disseminating disease germs are being scattered broadcast throughout the state. In Georgia and Louisiana a similar anti-fly campaign is on, the movement in Atlanta and Savannah being exceedingly active. The State Food and Drug Commissioner of Tennessee, is in deadly earnest in the anti-fly campaign. The Board of Health of Galveston, Texas, has taken up the fight against the fly and is going after this winged disease carrier with a vengeance that promises an early extermination of the pest if that civic department obtains proper co-operation from the people. They have issued a bulletin intimating that regulations should be adopted, each of which will be a step toward the abatement of the nuisance and prove fatal to the fly if persistently practiced. The women of California have organized to exterminate the mosquito and to fight the typhoid fly. In New Jersey the Department of Labor issued an order that all bakeries in the state should be screened so as to prevent the access of house-flies to rooms in which bread is made or stored. Several states have ordinances requiring screen doors and window screens to be placed in all stores, restaurants, and other places where food stuffs and drinkables are sold or prepared.

It is now generally understood that both flies and mosquitoes can be exterminated, notwithstanding their truly wonderful power of reproduction. Their breeding places must be looked after. The mosquitoes breed in stagnant water and the flies, in decaying animal or vegetable matter. A dead mouse or an offcast fish head allowed to rotify in some unobtrusive corner of the back yard will hatch a swarm of flies. A neglected tomato can filled with water is a first class mosquito incubator. The question is of cleanliness in the house and around the house, especially in the backyards.

It is often a matter of surprise to find that people living in the country, where they enjoy fresh air, drink pure water from the mountain streams, and live on the best kind of food—milk, fruit, homemade bread, fresh vegetables, chicken, eggs, etc., are the victims of typhoid fever and all other ailments; but it is a mystery no longer when their depositories of refuse matter are examined, for there millions of pest carrying insects live and thrive, and from there they swarm into the houses, crawl over the food, and cause sickness and death. Look to the backyards, and keep them clean.

The following rules for dealing with the fly nuisance have been issued by the Merchants' Association of New York:

"Keep the flies away from the sick, especially those ill with contagious diseases. Kill every fly that strays into the sick room. His body is covered with disease germs."

"Do not allow decaying material of any sort to accumulate on or near your premises."

"All refuse which tends in any way to fermentation, such as bedding, straw, paper, waste, and vegetable matter, should be disposed of or covered with lime or kerosene oil."

"Screen all food, whether in the house or exposed for sale."

"Keep all receptacles for garbage carefully covered and the cans cleaned or sprinkled with oil or lime."

"Keep all stable manure vault or pit screened or sprinkled with lime, oil or other cheap preparations, such as are sold by a number of reliable manufacturers."

"See that your sewerage system is in good order; that it does not leak, is up-to-date and not exposed to flies."

DANGERS OF CHEAP SHOWS.

The Western Christian Advocate declares that "juvenile delinquency has increased alarmingly in that city, [Cincinnati] since the multiplication of the cheap moving-picture shows." This statement is made on the testimony of the superintendent of the probation officers connected with the juvenile court.

A great many of the pictures exhibited in these shows are really instructive. To this class belong those that show various industries and scenes of foreign lands. Others are amusing, or calculated to teach a good moral lesson. There can be no objection to such pictures. But there are others. Some are as coarse as the worst colored supplement of yellow journals; their tendency is bad. Others are direct lessons in contempt for legal authority, and crime. The writer in the Christian Advocate says he has seen moving pictures showing abandoned women, apartments in a house of ill-repute, gamblers at their games, the suicide of a prostitute, the hold-ups of highwaymen, and so on. The worst plays of the tenderloin, he claims, are reproduced, and boys and girls—who, because of the small admittance fee, are the chief patrons of these exhibitions—become familiarized with every form of vice and violence. Juvenile criminals have repeatedly confessed that they received their first suggestion of robbery, house-breaking, safe-cracking, etc., from what they had seen on the screens.

We believe the cheap picture shows are commendable insofar as they provide a place where those who are so disposed can spend an evening without having to resort to the unspeakable dancing halls, or worse places. But if they are to escape censure they should permit no pictures but those of the highest moral, instructive or amusing value. And they should be looked after for the sanitary conditions, as well. Physicians claim that many of the rooms where the pictures are exhibited are unsanitary, being closed in and threatening tuberculosis and other diseases because of dust, sputum, foul air, and lack of ventilation.

STOP PRIZE FIGHTS.

We are sorry that the Saltair management cannot see its way clear to run the famous resort without arranging for attractions that are unlawful in Utah, and should be prohibited everywhere because of their demoralizing influence. Saltair ought to be a place to which a man can take a family with safety. It ought to be kept so clean that it could be pointed out to the stranger as a model resort. That was the spirit in which it was founded. It is sheer nonsense to call a prize fight a "glorious contest." Nobody cares to see a "scientific glove contest." Those who go to see such contests do so knowing that they are to be given a more or less brutal exhibition. People do not go, neither to California, nor to Utah, to see a mild sparring match. Only a short time ago a member of the fraternity was let out on bail pending the findings of the grand jury investigating the particulars of a bout in which one of the contestants was knocked out of existence. Such possibilities attract crowds of pluggies.

It is also nonsense for the authorities who have sworn to maintain the law, to say that they are going to watch the performance closely and stop it, if the law is violated. That is a poor effort to soothe the conscience. It is throwing dust in the eyes of the public. The law prohibits, in terms as plain as human language can make it, not only prize fights but any "other premeditated fight or contention." It makes it a punishable offense to witness such "contention," and it is therefore unlawful whether it is advertised as a "prize fight" or not. To manage it, to engage in it, and to witness it, is all law-breaking, and if the authorities do their duty, they will not wait until somebody has been killed, to interfere.

What is really thought of the male prostitutes that hammer one another for a prize, and the entire business, was recently shown by the manager of a Philadelphia hotel who refused to accommodate a known prize-fighter, although he certainly is no worse than the rest of the crew. The manager simply announced that accommodations were refused the prize-fighter for the reason that the hotel was maintained for "gentlemen and ladies" and that "pugilists and other notorious disreputables" were not wanted. This is, perhaps, an extreme view. But whether it is, or not, any contest of the kind is against the law, and also public sentiment in Utah. And the law should be maintained, or else abrogated.

FOR A BIG FAIR.

San Francisco and San Diego, it seems, have agreed on a compromise as to the Panama canal exhibition. San Francisco will get the big show, and San Diego will have the support of the southern rival for a smaller exhibition to be held at the same time. With this understanding, San Francisco is entitled to the show. As long as San Diego was in the field, that city seemed to be the logical place for the fair; but if San Diego supports San Francisco, the backers of San Diego can have no objection. San Francisco has recently subscribed \$3,000,000 for the fair. If the state, other Pacific states, and the Nation do their share in proportion, the fair should be the biggest ever held in the World's history.

Washington papers have suggested the national capital. But the fair should certainly be held on the Pacific coast. The canal opens a new highway of commerce to the Pacific, and a great deal of the attraction of the fair will be the passage through that canal by visitors, either coming or going. It is the West that is new to the world. The East is pretty well known, in a way, but the great West is still unknown to the greatest part of the world. It is the West that must be advertised by this fair, and that will

be for the benefit of the entire country. There can be no doubt that as a financial investment the people of the entire West will be benefited by such a fair. Especially is this true of the states through which many of the visitors will travel, either going or coming. Utah should do her share to make the fair a success, and to attract visitors, to whom this vast region, with its vast resources, and natural beauties, would be a grand revelation.

If it were possible, in the meantime, to bring the monomania of this city to their senses, or to dispose of the incurably insane in the humane manner demanded by modern civilization, it would be all the better. But if not, never mind the anti-Mormon freaks. Let us help the fair along to the best of our ability, and make the fair visitors welcome, if they choose to come this way.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

The peace congress that was to have been held last year in Stockholm, was postponed on account of the strike that was declared at the Swedish capital and the effects of which were felt more or less throughout the country. But an invitation has again been issued by Baron Ronde, president of the Eighteenth International Peace congress, to meet in Stockholm this year, during the first week of August. Elaborate preparations are being made for the reception of the delegates, and we dare say that those who go there will receive a cordial welcome.

The Advocate of Peace, the organ of the American Peace society, points out the importance of a strong representation from this country which has claimed leadership in the peace movement in all the world. Our delegations should be large enough to convince them that we are telling the truth. Besides, the trip to the Scandinavian countries is very pleasant, and boats run direct from New York to Christiania, from which place about twelve hours on the train takes one to the place of meeting. This is the Eighteenth International Peace congress. The Seventeenth was held a couple of years ago in London, and Utah was well represented there.

Good luck is the unearned increment.

Publicity never cured a cold or the hay fever.

A man has about the kind of friends he deserves.

Should Dr. Hyde be classed with the pachyderms?

For Iowa "Progressives" substitute "Aggressives."

Get up early and see the comet. You will be well repaid.

When the Strawberry project is completed it is to be hoped that strawberries will be cheaper.

If eggs had wings they couldn't be much higher in price.

A man's "hash" can be settled by arbitration but not his coffee.

Eventually the "standpatters" may learn that the world moves.

For comets also do the paths of glory lead but to the grave?

No man ever thought he was an ordinary man much less admitted it.

The difference between self respect and conceit is all in the manner.

The man who draws a long bow rarely stops to draw a long breath.

Even when they make the most of themselves few people amount to much.

It was more apropos to advocate the strenuous life in Berlin than to talk of race suicide in Paris.

Mother's Day has come and gone, and already many mothers are saying, "And are we so soon forgotten?"

The paper vest is said to be Mr. Rockefeller's latest fad. Presumably it "fits like the paper on the wall."

Senator Cummins uses the split infinitive. But then what is more natural to an "insurgent" than a split?

Mayor Gaynor is no rail splitter but when it comes to cutting down expenses he shows that he is an expert with the axe.

One would expect to find snakes in the grass in the agricultural department rather than in the department of the interior.

If the railroad bill can pass the Senate there is every reason to believe it will have no trouble in getting by the White House.

It is said that the ultra protectionists in the House will oppose the President's request for an appropriation to defray the expenses of the new tariff board. No plus ultra protectionist.

The Board of Education has now refused to allow collections to be made in the public schools to raise a fund to buy a silver service for the battleship Utah. If the Board lets down the bars in one case it will be urged to let them down in another, and its own precedent would be a strong argument in favor of again lowering them. They should be put up, and stay put. But that does not prevent the children to contribute. If the parents will permit them. By some organized effort the idea of the Governor can still be carried out.

Jocks," he exclaimed, "every one of 'em, and I can dance 'em all even to this day. I used to be a great beau when I was a young man, and you had to dance pretty well to be a beau in those days."

So I took Uncle David to Mr. Florence's hotel, and they two speedily came to each other. Uncle David, Mr. Florence asked Uncle David if he could teach him the pigeon-wing in question.

"By Jocks, as sure as you're born, I can," Uncle David chuckled, as he brushed his coat and took his stand at one end of the room. Mr. Florence shed his coat and went to the other end of the room, while Mrs. Florence picked up a guitar and began strumming on it.

Then Uncle David started in. He executed pigeon-wing after pigeon-wing, with Mr. Florence eying him intently. Finally he stopped and looked inquiringly at his pupil.

All of those steps I know," said Mr. Florence. "You haven't done the one I want."

Uncle David meditated for a moment, of a sudden struck an attitude, whirled clear around, and then executed the most extraordinary gyrations of legs and heels I had ever seen, all the while keeping perfect time to Mrs. Florence's strumming.

Mr. Florence was fairly beside himself with joy. "That's it!" he shouted. "Do it again, won't you when you get your breath? I want to watch you."

Uncle David obliged, and for the next half hour those two men pranced up and down the room. At the end of that time Florence had mastered the step.

"I'm going to introduce it into my dance tonight," he cried. "It'll make a hit. I'm sure, and Mr. Gray, you're going to be there in a box as my guest."

A few hours later, Uncle David, sitting in state in a box, beamed with delight when Mr. Florence, with all the deftness of a master, introduced the newly acquired pigeon-wing into his dance. And as the comedian finished the first wonderful flourish of legs and heels Uncle David stood up in his box, clapped his hands, and leaning far over the railing in the direction of his talented pupil, cried gleefully above the roar of merriment that was sweeping the house:

"That's right, sonny! You've got it—You've got it!"

take it. Now why should it ever have been thought that he would soon be an unrepentant deed of treachery to Taft and crush him in order to get the nomination and election in 1912—a time when Taft would be in a high position to be far more in doubt than in 1908?

AN ECHO OF EMILE ZOLA.

Indianapolis News.

An interesting law suit has been started by the widow of Emile Zola against the Cheap Homes Society of Paris. It appears that soon after the death of the author, Madame Zola presented to the society a bronze statue by Pietro Verghil, representing a chained galley slave. The pedestal bore an inscription laudatory of Zola's work in the interest of Captain Dreyfus. No appropriate place could be found by the society for the erection of the memorial, and it was stored in a shed. There it was improperly braced and recently it fell and was broken. There were no funds available to make repairs, so it was broken up and sold for junk, the society realizing 350 francs. Madame Zola now sues the society for 10,000 francs. "All who

know her," says a Paris letter, "realize that Madame Zola is not interested in the money part of the suit, but she hopes to win in order that punishment may fall upon the society."

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